This is a small segment of a 360-degree panorama of a location called “Teal Ridge” that was captured on Mars by the Mast Camera on NASA’s Curiosity rover on June 18th, 2019, the 2,440th Martian day, or sol, of the mission. This particular segment of the mosaic shows part of the potential future path of the rover en route to starting the main climb of Mt. Sharp, which is at the upper part of the image.

By driving up the side of Teal Ridge, the rover was able to reach rocks from the second of three subunits within the “clay-bearing unit” that are exposed in a valley-like region of Mount Sharp, which Curiosity is ascending.

The scene is presented with a color adjustment that approximates white balancing to resemble how the rocks and sand would appear under daytime lighting conditions on Earth.